

IN THE CLAIMS

*The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows:*

1. (Currently Amended) An audio characteristic correction system that is adapted to for an audio surround system, in which a sound emitted from a directional including an array speaker is reflected on that reflects sound off a wall surface or a sound reflection board so as to create [[a]] virtual surround sound speaker, and that corrects for correcting for audio characteristics of the wall surface or the sound reflection board, said the audio characteristic correction system characterized in that comprising:

a sound pickup device for picking up sound from the array speaker that has been reflected off the wall surface or the sound reflection board; and

a character correction device for correcting, based on the sound picked up by the sound pickup device, at least one of frequency-gain characteristics[[,]] or frequency-phase characteristics, and gain of an audio signal input to the directional array speaker is corrected such that the sound reflected on off the wall surface or the sound reflection board has desired audio characteristics at a desired listening position.

2. (Currently Amended) An audio characteristic correction system that is adapted to for an audio surround system, in which a sound emitted from a directional including an array speaker is reflected on that reflects sound off a wall surface or a sound reflection board so as to create [[a]] virtual surround sound speaker, and that corrects for correcting for audio characteristics of the wall surface or the sound reflection board, said the audio characteristic correction system comprising:

[[a]] measurement means for measuring audio characteristics of the sound reflected on off the wall surface or the sound reflection board; and

[[a]] characteristic correction means for correcting, based on the audio characteristics measured by the measurement means, at least one of frequency-gain characteristics[[,]] or frequency-phase characteristics, and gain of an audio signal input to the directional array speaker such that the sound reflected on off the wall surface or the sound reflection board has desired audio characteristics at a desired listening position.

3. (Currently Amended) [[An]] The audio characteristic correction system according to claim 2, further comprising [[a]] control means for setting at least one of the frequency-gain

characteristics[[,]]or frequency-phase characteristics, and gain of the audio signal input to the directionalarray speaker for the characteristic correction means.

4-5. (*Canceled*)

6. (New) The audio characteristic correction system according to claim 1, wherein the array speaker includes a delay circuit, a plurality of speakers arranged in an array, a plurality of gain adjustment circuits, each for one the speakers, and a plurality of amplifiers, each for one of the speakers, contained in a same housing.

7. (New) The audio characteristic correction system according to claim 2, wherein the array speaker includes a delay circuit, a plurality of speakers arranged in an array, a plurality of gain adjustment circuits, each for one the speakers, and a plurality of amplifiers, each for one of the speakers, contained in a same housing.

8. (New) The audio characteristic correction system according to claim 1, further including a characteristic correction control device that changes the directivity of the array speaker while the sound pickup device is picking up sound so that the sound pickup device picks up sound reflected off of different areas of the wall surface or the sound reflection board.

9. (New) The audio characteristic correction system according to claim 6, further including a characteristic correction control device that changes the directivity of the array speaker while the sound pickup device is picking up sound so that the sound pickup device picks up sound reflected off of different areas of the wall surface or the sound reflection board.

10. (New) The audio characteristic correction system according to claim 2, further including characteristic correction control means for changing the directivity of the array speaker while the measurement means is measuring audio characteristics of the sound reflected of the wall surface or the sound reflection board so that the measurement means measures audio characteristics of different areas of the wall surface or the sound reflection board.

11. (New) The audio characteristic correction system according to claim 7, further including characteristic correction control means for changing the directivity of the array speaker while the

measurement means is measuring audio characteristics of the sound reflected of the wall surface or the sound reflection board so that the measurement means measures audio characteristics of different areas of the wall surface or the sound reflection board.